GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1681
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Expenditure on Dissemination of Information
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred by the Government on the dissemination of information to the applicants under the Right to Information during the current financial year;

(b) whether there has been an increase in the number of RTI applications notwithstanding the cut in the expenditure and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the primary reason for the extravagant expenditure by the erstwhile Government Departments has been due to misappropriation and carelessness in management of funds; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the corrective action taken in this regard?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office. (DR. JITENDRA SINGH)
(a): The data regarding expenditure incurred by various Ministries/Departments of the Government on the dissemination of information to the applicants under the Right to Information is not collected and maintained centrally.
(b): As per the Annual Report of the Central Information Commission (CIC) for 2014-15, a total of 7,55,247 Right to Information (RTI) applications were received by reporting Public Authorities in 2014-15, as against 834,183 number of RTI applications received in 2013-14, registering a decline of 78,936 number of RTI applications.

(c) & (d): Does not arise.

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